

HOUSE BILL 900

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CF SB 469

By: Carroll County Delegation

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2011

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Carroll County – Fortune Telling Ban – Repeal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a provision that prohibits a person from demanding or
4 accepting payment or gratuity to forecast or foretell, or pretend to forecast or
5 foretell, the future of another person by certain methods in Carroll County;
6 repealing a certain penalty; and generally relating to the repeal of the ban on
7 fortune telling in Carroll County.

8 BY repealing

9 The Public Local Laws of Carroll County
10 Section 4–103
11 Article 7 – Public Local Laws of Maryland
12 (2004 Edition and July 1, 2010 Supplement, as amended)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article 7 – Carroll County**

16 [4–103.

17 (a) In Carroll County, a person may not demand or accept payment or a
18 gratuity to forecast or foretell, or pretend to forecast or foretell, the future of another
19 person by:

20 (1) Reading a card;

21 (2) Reading the palm of a hand; or

22 (3) Any other scheme, practice, or device.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on
2 conviction is subject to imprisonment in the Carroll County Detention Center not
3 exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding \$100 or both.]

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2011.